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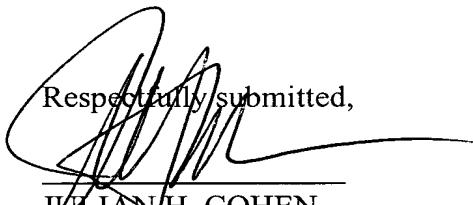
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However, no claim fee was authorized and no claim fee is required except by response to a Notice (37 CFR 1.16 (m)), which has not issued.

In the meantime, a Preliminary Amendment has been filed (copy attached) to delete the multiple dependent claim.

Refund of the \$280.00 by credit to Deposit Account 12-0425 is requested.

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